

Amendments to the Drawings:

The drawing sheets attached in connection with the above-identified application containing FIGS. 12-14 are being presented as new formal drawing sheets to be substituted for the previously submitted drawing sheets. FIGS. 13 and 14 have been amended to include the legend---PRIOR ART-- in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion found on page 2 of the Office Action. Appended to this amendment are annotated copies of the previous drawing sheets which have been marked to show the changes presented in the replacement sheets of the drawings.

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the reasons that follow.

A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier. Claims 1, 3, 5, 6 and 19 are presently pending in this application for consideration.

In the present Office Action, the drawings stand objected to for a minor informality. Applicant gratefully appreciates the Office Action indication that claims 1, 3, 5, 6 and 19 are allowed.

By this amendment, the drawings have been amended to address the Examiner's concerns by FIGS. 13 and 14 being designated with the legend "PRIOR ART." Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the objection to the drawings.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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ANNOTATED SHEET



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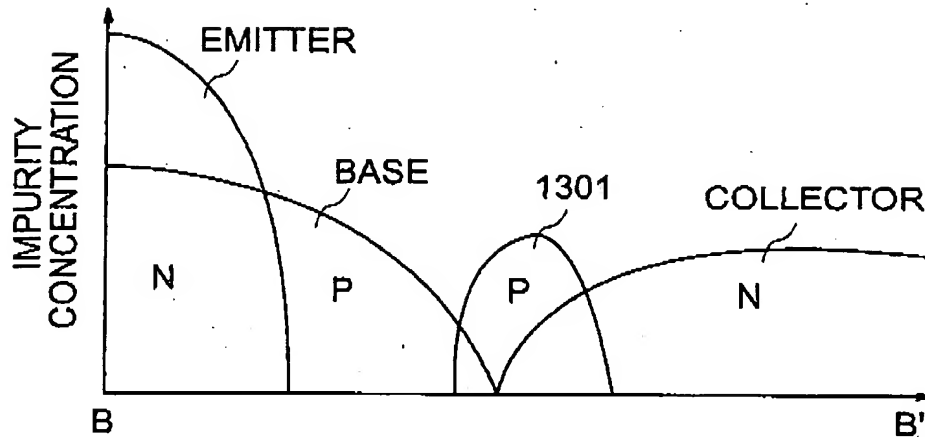


FIG. 12
PRIOR ART

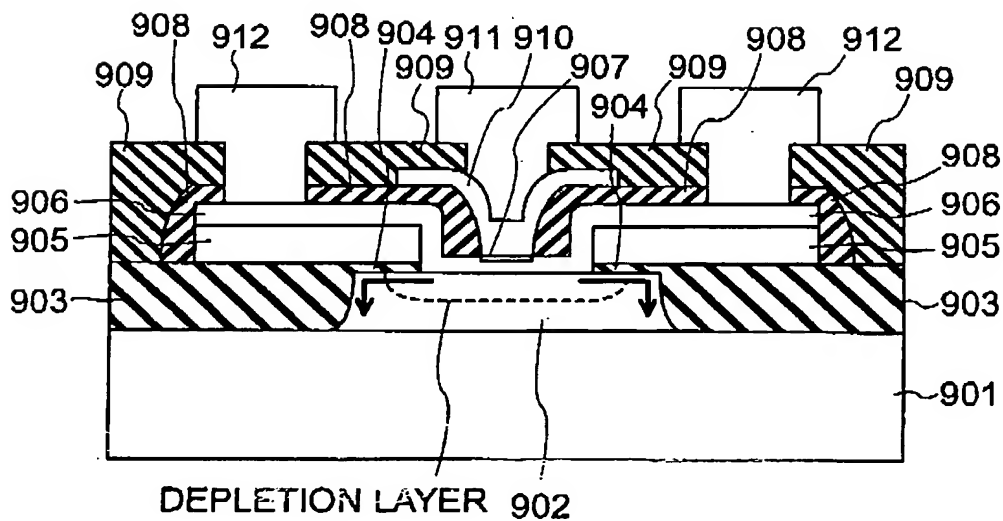


FIG. 13
PRIOR ART



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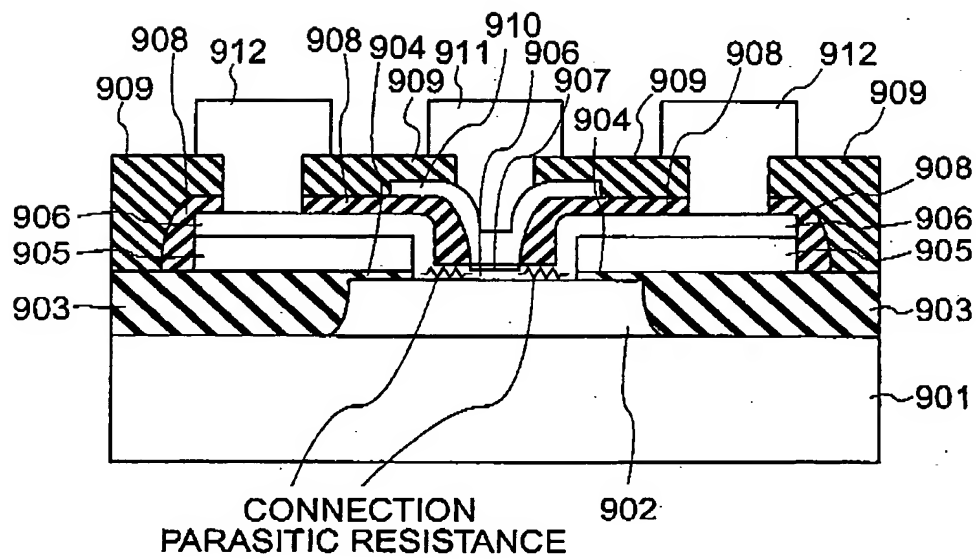


FIG. 14
PRIOR ART